



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### **Mississippi Radiological Health Annual Fees**

To: MSDH Licensees & Registered Users of Radiation Sources

From: B J Smith, Director  
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Subject: Change in Fee Categories

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The Division of Radiological Health, Mississippi State Department of Health, has been operating with a deficit budget for 4 years. We used to receive about 25% of our funds out of General Fund money. However, now we are completely fee supported. The last time we had a fee increase was 2006. Our revenues are approximately \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00 annually below our operating cost. The Mississippi State Department of Health requested an amendment to the Mississippi Code Ann. § 45-14-31 as well as other licensing fees such as ambulance license, healthcare facilities license, etc.

Mississippi is an Agreement State. We became an Agreement State on July 1, 1962. Through the Agreement State Program, 37 States have signed formal agreements with the NRC, under which those States have assumed regulatory responsibility over certain byproduct and source material, as well as small quantities of special nuclear material. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reviews Agreement State programs for continued adequacy to protect public health and safety, and ensure compatibility with the agency's regulatory program. The NRC and Agreement States jointly develop new regulations, regulatory guidance, and other regulatory initiatives.

Historically, Mississippi's fees for licensing radioactive materials and registering/inspection of x-ray sources have been low. These fees are used to inspect facilities for compliance to radiation health and safety. House Bill 289 was approved during the 2016 legislative session increasing our fees for the first time since 2006. The bill approved a 15% fee increase for all fees that were not in statute (Mississippi Code Ann. § 45-14-31).

Also, the Mississippi Radiation Protection Law of 1976 – specifically Mississippi Code Ann. § 45-14-31 – was amended to take all fees out of state statute with the exception of Category 1 licensing fees (\$3500.00); Category 2 licensing fees (\$1800.00); and healing arts x-ray tubes, such as clinical diagnostic, dental, veterinary, and chiropractic (\$150.00/tube). Mississippi State Board of Health approved the \$100.00/x-ray tube as requested by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Should you have questions, please contact me.